

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, and 7-12 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 is herein amended. Support for the amendment is found in the specification at page 11, lines 19-22. No new matter is added. Claim 2, 4, and 6 were previously canceled, and claim 3 is canceled herein.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 5, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Mohsin, U.S. Patent No. 4,457,566. Claims 7, 9, 11, and 12 were indicated as allowable. Applicants thank the Office for this indication of allowable subject matter informality.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response, claim 1 is amended. Applicants believe any alleged indefiniteness is obviated by the present amendment, and respectfully request withdrawal of these rejections.

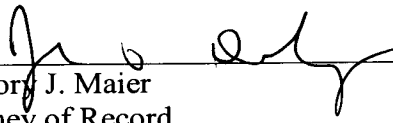
Claims 1, 5, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Mohsin, U.S. Patent No. 4,457,566. In response thereto, Applicants amend claim 1. As amended, claim 1 is directed to a slide guiding device comprising a slide guiding surface provided on a support member. The device further comprises a sliding surface provided on a movable slide, which is guided on the slide guiding surface for movement thereon, and slidably movable on the slide guiding surface. The device has a plurality of oil grooves, each with a first supply hole for supplying lubrication oil to a contact surface area between the sliding surface and the slide guiding surface. It also has an oil pocket formed independently of the oil groove for retaining

the lubrication oil supplied to the contact surface area between the sliding surface and the slide guiding surface. The oil pocket is provided with a second supply hole for supplying the lubrication oil into the oil pocket. The device has air discharge means for discharging air from the oil pocket. The oil grooves are independently arranged in a sliding direction. The elements of claim 3, indicated as allowable with the correction of the alleged indefiniteness, are incorporated into claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 should be allowed, as well as the claims depending therefrom. Applicants respectfully request such allowance.

In light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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